

EcoRA Work Group Conference Call - March 22, 2001, 9:00 - 9:40 AM

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Update of EcoRA Finalization:

- Development of the response to comment database is nearing completion
- EPA emailed commenters a draft of the responses to their comments on March 5th and sent trustee/regulatory parties a complete copy of the draft responses. Feedback was due on March 13th.
- Feedback was received from the Cities of Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, Harrison and Kootenai County regarding the comments prepared by Merrill Coomes. USFWS has indicated that they will get EPA feedback in a few days.

Hard copy or CD Final EcoRA?:

- As we move towards finalization of the EcoRA, we would like to know if you need a paper hard copy or CD version of the Final CDA EcoRA. The plan is to send the CD version to all recipients. Hard copies will be sent only to the parties who received the Draft EcoRA in hard copy form.

==>> Please advise me by April 6th if you need a hard copy of the Final CDA EcoRA.

Waterfowl Feedings Studies:

- Field work was initiated by IDEQ and USFWS during the week of March 11, 2001 and was completed March 21. Field work proceeded very smoothly according to Nick Zilka
- Attached to these notes is an informational fact sheet that was prepared for the soil amendment bioavailability studies. The fact sheet will also be distributed in the next issue of the monthly CDA Basin newbriefs prepared by Dick Martindale, EPA.
- Spokane's Channel 4 TV news reporter, Tom Grant, will be visiting the soil amendment field study site today (3/22/01) and potential doing a story on the study. Dick Martindale (EPA), Dan Audet (USFWS) and Nick Zilka (IDEQ) will be on-site for the media visit. Dick will be providing copies of the soil amendment briefing sheet to the visitors.

Background Revisions:

- During the DEcoRA review period, EPA received comments regarding the approach used to establish background concentration values; in response to comments EPA is revising the approach used to develop background concentrations.

Next Teleconference:

- The next teleconference will be at 9 AM PST on Thursday, April 5, 2001.
- The call-in number will be (206) 553-4602.